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Commissioner of United States Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Re: Application No. 10/609,467

Attention: James G. Smith Examiner Technology Center 3700 Group Art Unit 3723

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is a request for a one-month time extension for the Office Action letter and information sent to me dated July 12, 2004. My response to this communication has been delayed due to a spinal injury I have suffered this past Summer. After calling your office today and leaving a voice message for you, I spoke to another person about how to file for a time extension.

I am asking for one month of extra time to revise and complete my Claim on my invention submitted. This would make my new deadline November 12, 2004. I have enclosed my check for \$55.00 for the appropriate fee as I was informed.

When you are back in your office next week, you should have this letter and payment via express mail. I will probably be calling you to inquire about some questions I have in the research of the other example patents listed in the papers sent to me.

Thank you for extending my time to finish my filing on my patent application. This is truly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

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